

# Scrutiny Briefing Note

The Tourism and Visitor Economy Scrutiny Panel have asked to monitor progress on the following issues. This briefing contains the latest position as at 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

## Subject: Heritage Open Days (Grimsby and Cleethorpes)

### Introduction / Background

Heritage Open Days is England's largest festival of history and culture, bringing together over 2,000 local people and organisations, and thousands of volunteers. Every year in September, places across the country throw open their doors to celebrate their heritage, community, and history. It is an opportunity for people to see hidden places free of charge. This year events will take place across the country between 10<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Events celebrate England's architecture and culture by allowing visitors free access to places that are not usually publicly accessible or would normally charge a fee. They can also include tours of historic buildings, guided walks, talks, exhibitions, re-enactments or demonstrations of crafts and skills.

Heritage Lincolnshire co-ordinate the events within the Lincolnshire area, and their theme for this year is '[Voices of Lincolnshire - Stories Unheard](#)'. The aim is to celebrate the many voices of Lincolnshire with a particular focus on the amazing stories that many people have not heard that have contributed to its heritage and culture.

The National theme, however, is '[Edible England](#)', an exploration of the past, present, and future of our culinary heritage and culture. Due to our heritage of food production in North East Lincolnshire, therefore, many of the events have chosen to try and combine the two themes this year.

### Heritage Open Days 2021: North East Lincolnshire Events

It was agreed with NELC/ENGIE Officers and external Heritage Action Zone (HAZ) Project leads that, where possible, Cleethorpes events would be held on the first weekend, and Grimsby events on the second. This is to ensure that as many people as possible can visit all of them should they wish to. There are less events than usual this year due to concerns over Covid, and some of these are online rather than in person for that reason. There are eight events registered with Heritage Lincolnshire this year (see Appendix).

### Cleethorpes

This year the Heritage Open Day event at Cleethorpes Town Hall will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September and it is being organised as a partnership arrangement between the Trustees of Cleethorpes Town Hall, Meggies History Group, Grimsby Institute for Further and Higher Education (GIFHE) (with student participation and volunteering on the day), Engie/NELC Townscape Heritage Project Manager, Investment Advisor for Regeneration and the Collections Officer.

The theme for the Cleethorpes event is 'Fun, Food and Fishy Tales' reflecting the National and Regional themes. Due to the potential risk of COVID it has been decided to keep the offer manageable. There will be an exhibition held in the main chamber room on the first floor of the Town Hall, with a one-way system employed to maintain safety. Volunteer stewards will be monitoring visitor numbers and flow. Details of what is included in the exhibition can be seen in the Appendix.

Building on the success of the 3D Matteport scan of Cleethorpes Town Hall in 2020, a scan has been commissioned of The Knoll. This online tour will be fully accessible on the [Discovernortheastlincolnshire](#) website.



The Cleethorpes Heritage Trail is also being developed on the 'Love Exploring App', with support from the Grimsby and Cleethorpes Civic Society. It is hoped to launch this in August as a lead up to the Heritage Open Days.

There are also two events at Humberstone Fitties which have been independently organised and detailed in the Appendix.

### **Grimsby**

Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre (GFHC) will be involved in the Heritage Open Days events again this year, offering a 10% discount on admission on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of September. In addition to the award-winning exhibits in the Centre, there will also be rope knot and splicing demonstrations during the two days. GFHC has also been working in partnership with drama students from GIFHE to develop some interactive content which they hope to include in compliance with current Covid safety guidelines.

As in previous years, Grimsby Town Hall will be open to the public on both the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September from 10.00am to 4.00pm, to allow people access to the Town Hall particularly the Bremerhaven Room (Former Court Room) and Crosland Suite. They will also have access to the Council Chamber, to be able to view the civic regalia and silverware and meet the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

There will also be free entry into Time Trap over the two days. Treasures from the archives will be on show, and there will be displays by the Great Grimsby Family History Group, Grimsby Photographic Society, and the North Lincs Art Society

### **Kasbah**

The Kasbah event each year is organised and managed by the HAZ Project Manager, in partnership with Associated British Ports and Kasbah project leads and stakeholders, who also get involved and usually host activities on the day. This year's Kasbah event will be held online only, however, as requested by ABP to ensure that the port remains Covid-safe.

For 2021, an online event page on Eventbrite will be populated with web links to pre-recorded tours, presentations and webpages, further information within the Appendix.

### **Promotion and Marketing**

Heritage Lincolnshire's event brochure is due to be published 24<sup>th</sup> July 2021, and all event details will be on their website from this date too at: <https://www.heritagelincshire.org/heritage-open-days> Information on the events running in North East Lincolnshire will also be included on the [www.discovernortheastlincshire.co.uk](http://www.discovernortheastlincshire.co.uk) and advertised through the Council's social media channels.

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## Appendix

Date(s)	Title	Location	Brochure Description	Lead	Booking Required
11 <sup>th</sup> 10 am – 4 pm	Cleethorpes - Food, Fun and Fishy Tales	Cleethorpes Town Hall	<p>Cleethorpes Charter Trustees and Meggies invite you to explore the food and sweets that have delighted generations, from cockles to candyfloss and more. Love oysters then pick up a recipe! There will also be some very fishy tales.</p> <p>The event will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Photographs, postcards and newspaper articles reflecting the bygone food and beverage retailers of early years.</li> <li>• Exhibition case of theme related Museum Collection artefacts currently held storage.</li> <li>• Early food recipes including oysters, cockles and whelks.</li> <li>• GIFHE drama students will prepare voice recordings of interesting stories from the past, and these will be played on a loop during the day in the Königswinter room.</li> <li>• A food trail is being developed and the route will encompass Alexandra Road, Market Place, St Peters and Sea View Street. It is hoped to encourage some of the current cafes and restaurants to offer a Victorian related menu. The trail will be hosted by the 'Love Exploring App' and the app will show old photographs at various points of the trail, so people can visualise how the townscape has changed and learn about the history of the town.</li> </ul>	Cleethorpes Charter Trustees and Meggies	No, drop- in
13 <sup>th</sup> 1.30pm	Fitties Voices	Humberston Fitties	Join us for a guided walk that shares the unheard stories of people, places and spaces from the beautiful and unique Humberstone Fitties. Journey through the past	The Fitties CIC	Yes

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			with our local guides and discover the stories behind the 'fitties' and why it is that it is and what makes it such a special place		
13 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Fitties Voices Online	n/a online event	An art/science talk by poet Harriet Tarlo, artist Judith Tucker and bird ecologist Nicola Hemmings. Featuring creative work from the Humberston Fitties, insights into the 'secret' lives of birds of the area and poems based on interviews with Fitties folk.	The Fitties CIC	Yes
18 <sup>th</sup> 10am – 4pm	Village Voices	St Nicolas Church, Great Coates	St Nicolas is a beautiful mediaeval Grade I listed church set in a churchyard managed for nature. Listen to the stories of people from the village of Great Coates. Take a guided tour, visit the tower and see the mediaeval brasses.	St Nicolas Church, Great Coates	No, drop in
10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup>  10.30 – 2.30	A Magical & Mystical Minster	Grimsby Minster	Travel back in time with a Grade 1 listed Minster in the heart of Grimsby. Discover stories untold and meet some famous names and unfamiliar characters.	Grimsby Minster Parochial Church Council (PCC)	No, drop in
17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>  10 am – 4 pm	Grimsby Town Hall Open Days	Grimsby Town Hall	Discover the heritage of Grimsby Town Hall, built in 1863. Explore the building to see the old police cells and magistrates court and wander around the dark and twisting corridors of the Time Trap museum..	NELC: Civic Services	No, drop in
17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>  10 am – 4 pm	Ever Wondered Where you Come From?	Grimsby Town Hall	Interested in Family History, but don't know where to start? Hit a brick wall? Visit our Heritage Weekend exhibition in The Time Trap at Grimsby Town Hall.  Helpful advice and a free starter pack from Great Grimsby members of the Lincolnshire Family History Society.	Lincolnshire Family History Society	No, drop in

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18 <sup>th</sup>	Grimsby Kasbah Heritage Open Day	n/a online event	<p>Hear the untold stories (and legends!) of the Kasbah while you learn about its vital role in supplying the nation's favourite dish in this 'Edible England' themed event. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of Kasbah Stories, myths and legends, with past and present photographs, produced by the HAZ Project Manager.</li> <li>• Kasbah tour with voiceover from ABP Archivist Garry Crossland.</li> <li>• Alfred Enderby Virtual Smokehouse Tour, and Link to the Made Great in Grimsby cook-along with owner Patrick Salmon.</li> <li>• Video interview with former Alfred Enderby owner, Richard Enderby, recorded by Great Grimsby Ice Factory Trust (GGIFT).</li> <li>• A link to an online consultation event for the Paint the Town Proud project, which is being led by Creative Start CIC and could include a Kasbah mural.</li> <li>• Video of the last working days of the Ice Factory, provided by GGIFT.</li> <li>• Videos of former Ice Factory employees talking about working in the factory, recorded by GGIFT.</li> </ul>	NELC / ENGIE: HAZ Project Manager	Yes